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BOLIVIA FIXES FOOD PRICES

John Orear, Late of This County, Tells How The Government Headed off The Trusts

The following interesting dispatch was sent out from Washington, D. C., recently:

John D. O'Rear of Missouri, now American minister to Bolivia, writing from La Paz, the capital, tells of the vigorous manner in which the government of that country met the general advance in prices of articles of prime necessity, which was one of the first acts of the merchants following the breaking out of the European war.

"The raise in prices was immediately met by the government with an order which set the prices on these articles on a level with those of July 31, and announced that the goods of any merchant who tried to sell these articles at higher prices would be seized by the authorities who credited him only with amounts calculated at the price referred to," writes Orear. "This had the desired effect, but it now appears that the supply of sugar on hand is giving out and that sugar may become scarce. However, the Government ordered the prefects of departments to make a detailed report of the supply obtainable in each department and it is understood that in case the supply is not sufficient the necessary steps will be taken to import from Peru enough to supply the demand. The government has also released articles of first necessity from customs duties and has arranged for the railway companies under a 50 per cent reduction from the ordinary rates."

LADDONIA ITEMS

The carnival given Oct. 3rd by the ladies of the Home Makers Club netted the handsome sum of \$80.55, which will be used in civic improvement.

Lee Bros. of Mexico were here buying horses for cavalry service last week.

The first number of our Lyceum Course was given last Wednesday night. A large audience was in attendance and pronounced it a very enjoyable entertainment. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Ferris and son, Charles, are the guests of Chas. Lynch and wife of Hannibal. Marbury and Kennen, also Spencer Bros., were on Monday's St. Louis market with a mixed carload of stock. W. E. Cunningham and Wm. Bailey were in St. Louis the first of the week. A large number from this place attended the trial of T. M. Monroe vs. C. & A. R. R. at Fayette last week.

Mrs. W. E. Cunningham and daughter, Cynthia, were guests of Mexico friends Sunday.

The Daniels and Co.'s store has again changed hands. The dry goods will be moved to Vandalia by Webb Bros., and the groceries were purchased by our enterprising butcher, H. E. Christrup.

C. E. Mayhall and family were the guests of Wm. Mayhall of Bowling Green Sunday. Mr. Floyd Smith of Mexico, visited homefolks here Monday.

Mrs. Barnebey has returned home after visiting her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Newgent, and friends near Molino.

Some Views and Interviews

J. H. Jones: I have a farm home up two miles east of Centralia. The drouths come and go but I have never been forced to buy any feed since 1881. I feed some stock every year, but it is always my own raising, and the feed I feed is always my own raising. I like the farm, of course—the most independent business in the world.

Prof. W. Clyde Johnson: I expect to have Mr. L. B. Sipple, of the Agricultural Department of the Kirksville Normal, with me in some of my visits next week to the rural schools of this county. Mr. Sipple is a live wire. He was partly raised in Audrain and is a son of T. H. Sipple, now of Fayette. Farmer Rusk and I will also visit school together a week or two to stir up interest in the great Round-up to be held in Mexico the first week in next month.

B. Wickman: I was riding thru the woods a few days since and a little limb bounded and struck me on the upper eyelid of the left eye. It paralyzed the upper part of my head above the eye and I am still thus affected. I don't know what to think of it. It gives me cutting sharp pains at times.

E. W. Lierheimer: I don't think much of this prophesy of some that if the ground does not get soaked down good and deep with water this fall and winter there will be a drouth again next year. Let's not be hunting calamity. I don't know what governs the fall of the rains, but seed time and harvest is not going to cease from the earth.

Hosine Hassen: Yes, I'm called the "Busy Bee" man. I was born in Palestine, within 50 miles of Damascus. Eleven years ago I started on my trip to the United States, the land of the free and the home of the brave. Passed thru the Mediterranean and landed at Marseilles, France. Went on thru Paris, crossed over the English Channel, then on to London and to Liverpool. Took ship over to Canada and then passed into the United States, the goal of my life. I don't think the war in Europe will cease within a year. I'm now a thoro American. You couldn't force me back into the old country. I'd fight for Uncle Sam if he should call me.

Miss Dorothy Rodhouse: I am here from my home in Columbia on a visit among Mexico relatives. I advertised my place in Mexico for sale in the Message and received replies from the adlet in Centralia, Columbia, Mexico, Chicago, and persons in Oklahoma and Texas. I think the Message is all right any way you take it. It is a fine publication.

The Vandalia Mail says that quite a number of farmers met at Crow schoolhouse Friday night to plan some way to help bust the sugar trust. Hope they will succeed for things need sweetening at our house and the sack is about empty. The Illinois Oil company has promised to help if the farmers will stand by them and use their goods. Unite, farmers, and stand by the men who have reduced the price of oil one half.

The wedding of Mr. Charles Tillman and Miss Matilda Fennel was announced to take place at the Martinsburg Catholic church soon.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS

The County Court in regular monthly session transacted the following business last week:

Bills allowed:—L. B. Deaton, bridges, \$87.00; David Fouser, bridges, \$39.12; R. L. Heizer, bridges, \$77.60; Guthrie & Son coal at jail, \$10.90; Ricketts & Emmons, D. G. Co., supplies jail, \$3.80; O. E. Tucker, supplies jail, 75 cts.; L. W. Roberts, supplies jail, \$2.00; Mexico Power Co., supplies jail, \$14.97; Worrell Mfg. Co., supplies jail, \$40.00; Llewellyn & Sons, supplies jail, \$4.00; La Crosse Lumber Co., cement for bridges, \$60.00; C. H. Dickey, bridge lumber, \$41.49; B. A. Powell, cement for bridges, \$37.00; J. B. Nevins, bridges, \$3.00; J. A. Morgan, same, \$19.80; L. C. Henry, same, \$23.50; E. W. Lierheimer, same, \$39.50; Rucker & Son, same, \$28; Mexico Fair Association, \$100; E. O. Snedeker, road work, \$21; Mexico Ledger, supplies County Treasurer, \$3; Standard Ptg. Co., supplies Recorder, \$23.35; Buxton & Skinner, supplies recorder, \$25.37; Geo. D. Barnard Co., supplies Circuit Clerk, \$16.26; Buxton & Skinner, same, \$4.60; Standard Ptg. Co., same, \$18.80; H. H. Gafford, stamps, \$50; S. D. Stocks, supplies J. P., \$1.05; J. D. Miller, supplies Court House, \$2.45; Arctic Ice & Storage Co., same, \$10.40; Mexico Power Co., same, \$30.03; S. W. Telephone Co., Circuit Clerk, \$2.50; S. W. Telephone Co., Pros. Atty., \$2.90; Guthrie & Son, supplies county farm, \$9.55; M. B. Guthrie & Co., same, \$2.00; Geo. H. Kunkel, same, \$19.80; Ike McCowan, same, \$12.46; J. P. Powell, same, \$2.05; Jos. Steinman & Son, same, \$2.50; Roy Barnett, guarding prisoner, \$6.00; Central City Chemical Co., supplies Board of Health, \$15; E. P. Deal, State Treas., supplies patient sanitarium, \$27.88; John Byars, bridges, \$22.35; Gerom Mfg. Co., supplies Court House, \$11.37; Llewellyn & Sons, same, \$4.00; J. W. Barnett, phone at jail, \$12; J. H. Sallee, superintendent of Schools, 75 cts.; J. H. Sallee, supplies J. P., \$1.00; J. B. DeVault, supplies Supt. of Schools, \$3; Mexico Message, same, \$2.5; W. C. Johnson, salary Supt. of Schools, \$100; W. C. Johnson, stamps, \$3; J. W. Beamer, bridge lumber, \$34.70; R. S. McKinney, Acet. R. and B. Com., \$62; Herman Geiseker, bridges, \$43.04; Otis Purdy, supplies, County Farm, \$3.80; Otis Purdy, Board of Health, 75 cts.; Alex. Carter, two days justice and mileage, \$10.20; C. C. Bledsoe, same, \$16; J. W. Beagles, same, \$11.80; Ned Holt, auto bridge inspection, \$5.

Criminal cost bills aggregate \$200.95.

John Young was given 35 sacks of cement to build two culverts on the public road east of his home, northeast of Mexico.

A township Sunday school convention was held at Rush Hill last Thursday by the Audrain Sunday School Association. Large attendance and fine interest. C. M. Fox, secretary of the county association, presided. Mrs. F. P. Dye of Vandalia, superintendent in elementary work, was present and gave valuable assistance.

Miss Lizzie Ridgeway of Thompson is visiting her father, Henry Ridgeway, at Yuma, Colo.

RUSH HILL ITEMS

A series of showers has caused the roads to become very muddy, yet the display of electricity has purified the air and the sick people are getting well.

Mrs. J. L. Carnes has had a very serious siege of muscular rheumatism for about two weeks, but is now slowly improving. Miss Laura Goddard of Bean Creek neighborhood has the same disease. We are informed she is not getting any better.

Frank Bagls of Colorado, is in the old home neighborhood visiting friends.

The members are tearing down the Christian church building south of the railroad and are preparing to build a new church larger and better. The times are hard for such improvements, but where there is a will there is a way.

J. P. Harper last week shipped out over 30,000 pounds of hogs.

A few of our farmers are bringing in some new corn. Large, fine ears, looks like old times. It is selling at 75 cents per bushel.

Dr. Abe Underwood who lives and practices medicine down in St. Charles, Montgomery and St. Louis counties, is here visiting his father and Miss Annie Russell, his sister. Mrs. Conrad Schutte has been wrestling with malarial fever for a week or two. Born, to the wife of Harry Armstrong, Sunday, 11th, a bouncing boy baby.

NORTH MOLINO

Mrs. Irvin Ferry of Chicago who is visiting friends here in Audrain and Callaway counties is now making her farewell visit with her sister, Mrs. Ahner Mundy.

Now is the time for gathering the big red apples, and they are selling for 35 cents per bushel in the orchards.

Ellis Brothers finished filling their second silo last week. Russell Woods of St. Louis came home last Sunday to visit homefolks and be at his father's sale, O. S. Woods.

Ed. Robinson is employed in the Will Heizer store. Bob Heizer has decided to farm this coming year.

The lecture at Molino Baptist church last Sunday afternoon by Judge Carter and S. D. Stocks were very much enjoyed. There were several persons out from Mexico and Sun Rise.

BURKE ITEMS

Jack Willingham is visiting his parents this week. Irwin Fry from Chicago is visiting Tom Hite. Parley and Harley Rodecape visited relatives, near Carlington recently. Mr. Henesley recently moved back into Burke District. Will Willingham and wife visited relatives in Perry recently.

Miss Margaret Holman has been very sick.

We no longer hear the hum of the silo filler or the saw mill; they are both gone. Spencer Davidson is back at school. We are getting a good steel bridge on the county-line.

Burke school has ordered a new library. Reed Burke is feeding a fine bunch of cattle. Ed. Lawrence has moved back to the country. Jack Willingham visited Burke school Wednesday.

C. T. Elroy sold four calves to Curtis Pryor at \$20 per head. C. C. Davidson traded cows with Milvin Boycé last week, a Short Horn for a Jersey cow.

Mrs. E. A. Collins, of Stephens College at Columbia, is visiting Mexico friends.

HERE IS A FINE IDEA

Mexico, Mo. Editor Message When driving in the country, in passing churches and school houses, I fail to see any names on them. I always feel interested in knowing the names of a church or school and believe other persons like myself would be glad to see the names printed in good plain letters above the doors of these institutions. The expense would be very small—the paint would cost no more than 25c and the young folks in the neighborhood would take pleasure in doing the work, if their attention was only called to it.

Why not make the suggestion thru your valuable paper?
An Old Subscriber.

Some Haps Far and Near

Rev. A. E. Burch closed a union revival meeting at Troy with 316 conversions.

Pearl West of Pike Co. tried to commit suicide in St. Louis. She said her father drove her from home.

Mark White, near Macon City, lost six cows from their eating white lead paint.

Bowling Green raised a subscription of \$25.33 for help of the wounded soldiers of all sides in the European war.

The Journal of the Missouri State Medical Association says that the United Doctors were trundled out of Paris recently where they had advertised their usual unfailing methods of treating diseases, free of charge at \$10, 15 and \$20 per.

The Pike Co. Post says Bowling Green needs a pure food committee. Dogs and cats with sores on their bodies are allowed to come into grocery stores and the flies enjoy the edibles.

Ernest Hoffman of Auxvasse is in a hospital for treatment for serious throat trouble.

The editor of the Warrensburg Democrat sees little to be thankful for in this vale of tears. "My gracious," he shrieks, "it looks like things never hit just right. Last year sugar was twenty lbs. to a cart wheel and we had no peaches. This year peaches are plenty and sugar has gone out of sight. Darn a poor man, anyhow."

L. M. Lake, the contractor, will erect two two-story brick buildings in Laddonia, one for the Odd Fellows and the other for Homer G. Azdell. They will take the place of buildings recently destroyed by fire.

Miss Margaret Million, daughter of Prof. J. W. Million of this city, enjoys the distinction of being the youngest Junior at Missouri University. She graduated from Hardin last year and is but 16 years of age.

Mr. Carl Marshall and Miss Edith Metz, both of Callaway county, were married in Mexico last Thursday, Judge W. W. Botts, officiating.

Mrs. Susan Evuly of Laddonia orders the Message sent to her at Albany, Mo.

Gus Steinman, the shoe man, has the finest display of Indian arrowheads in his show window to be seen in the State.

GIVE WOMEN THEIR RIGHTS

Thru the Message Mexico and Audrain county women invite the men to vote for Amendment Thirteen on November second.

Will women do the men's work? In Europe at present, under war's urgent needs, we see women acting as police, tram conductors, postmen and chauffeurs. While girls are the news boys, older women are justices of the peace. In that crazed land the civil government affairs are being calmly directed by women while the men are driven to kill one another by the powers higher up in military affairs.

At the same time the duties of "woman's sphere" are not being neglected. There are only the very young and the very old men at home, so that women are tilling the fields and marketing the produce. Never has more sewing been done, never more nursing. Young boys and girls take an equal share of home keeping. When war is a country's chief end, boys need to learn to cook at home if as men they must cook in camp.

Paris is said to be a big school for the municipal training of women. This is best. The hysteria of the emotional women of past years of war has been given an outlet, so to speak, in the business-like direction of governmental affairs.

Now since the European women are showing an active patriotism in war can you doubt their fitness for patriotism in times of peace?

Missouri women could do as much, but we trust the men of these great United States will never again be drawn into war with its sacrifices. In the land where men boast of freedom as its greatest asset, the women of their own flesh and blood ask the men to enfranchise them, that they may vote for the laws which affect their welfare as much as the welfare of the men.

Prejudice is an idol worshipped by men who will not be convinced that women are human beings with independent minds of their own. Failure to carry the thirteenth amendment this fall can only result in redoubled efforts by the women for its ultimate success. Why waste further time by not giving women their rights?

Carrie B. Sproul.

Our young friend, Frank S. Summer, north of Mexico, attending Central College at Fayette, sends us an invitation to participate in celebrating the completion of the campaign which has increased the endowment of that great school to half a million dollars.

Arthur Snedeker of near Laddonia, a former student in Mexico High School, is now a full fledged telegraph operator and has an assignment at Glasgow.

Mrs. Geo. Newgent of Molino, accompanied by Mrs. John Gilbert, is at Columbia to have her eyes treated by a specialist.

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